

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 9, 2008  
**POSITION:** Support  
**SPONSOR:** Air Resources Board

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 2991  
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### **BILL SUMMARY:** Air Pollution: Research Screening Committee

Existing law requires the Air Resources Board (Air Board) to appoint a research screening committee, not to exceed 9 persons with specified expertise, to review and provide recommendations on proposals for state-funded air pollution research and on the reports produced by projects that are funded. This Administration-sponsored bill would authorize the addition of two more members to the screening committee and require that two members of the expanded committee have expertise in the field of climate change. The bill would also expand the list of air pollution research projects to be reviewed to include any climate change related research projects funded by the state and subject to approval by the Air Board.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

Costs to the Air Board from this bill are approximately \$600 to \$1,200 annually and are minor and absorbable within the Air Board's existing budget.

### **COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance supports this bill because it will ensure that the Air Board's research screening committee can effectively review and provide recommendations on climate change research proposals in addition to criteria air pollutant-related research.

		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP						Fund	
Type		RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	Code
3900/Air Res Bd		SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						0044
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0044	Motor Vehicle Account, STF									

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